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TOP SECRET HANDLE VIA TALENT CONTROL SYSTEM ONLY

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Chief of Naval Operations

Commanding Officer, Fleet Base, Naval Station, Norfolk, Atlantic and Mediterranean

Subj: Sanitization of Middle East Photography

Ref: (a) OPNAVSETINST 003821.1 of April 1957
(b) CNO ltr ser NT-000173-5 of May 1957

1. Reference (b) is hereby cancelled.

2. The Utilization Advisory Board has liberalized procedures with respect to sanitizing TALENT photography of certain areas, such as the Middle East, not falling within the USSR or its satellites. The essential security objectives of sanitization procedures are to prevent identification of the source of the photography or its capabilities, particularly with respect to altitude, and to prevent reconstruction of the source's track from use of sanitized prints.

3. The following will pertain:

a. Concerning the material to be sanitized, there are no restrictions as to type of installation or area in contrast with the former restriction to airfields and certain amphibious landing areas.

b. Classification of material released from the TALENT System by proper sanitization will be SECRET/NOFORN with the exception noted in paragraph 4c. The former requirement for "Continued Control" is eliminated. Reproduced material will not mention TALENT or NOFORN or make any other reference to source.

c. Obliques, verticals, and uncontrolled mosaics made from selected and properly cropped prints may be sanitized. Positive transparencies may be sanitized similarly.

d. Scale must be changed by enlargement, the new scale being specified on the reproduced material. Vertical photographs will be enlarged to a scale within the range from 1:10,000 to 1:20,000 in the case of 42 materials, 1:10,000 to 1:18,000 in the case of 8 materials. The declared intent of such scale alteration is to prevent disclosure or determination of altitude, focal length, or original scale.

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- e. Date of photography may be indicated only by month and year.
- f. Fidual markings must be disclosed. g. Focal length is not to be disclosed.
- g. Format of individual photographic negatives shall be 4" x 9" with annotations as customary.

4. At the request of the Army, the following was approved:

"Emergency packages may be used by the military services and disseminated to subordinate commands. **TOP SECRET NOFORN** - continuous receipt required and transmitted by courier or air courier. These materials may be downgraded to **SECRET** - Modified Handling Authorized when an emergency is declared by authority as noted in the TALENT Control Manual."

While this is believed to be of limited value for Navy purposes, it may have some application in connection with amphibious operations if it is desired that material be used at a tactical level. It was the intent of the UAB that these **TOP SECRET NOFORN** emergency packages be used before an emergency is declared; an alternative arrangement as set forth in reference (a) under which an emergency can be declared by a numbered fleet commander, higher authority, and packaged material then can be removed from the TALENT Control System but maintained at the same classified level. **TOP SECRET NOFORN** personnel pilots are normally cleared for **SECRET**, the provision of **TOP SECRET NOFORN** material is of questionable value.

5. One copy of each sanitized photographing TALENT photography must be forwarded the TALENT Control Office in accordance with reference (a).

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